

Harbor Committee

Town of Bar Harbor

Minutes: Monday, January 9, 2023

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 4:02 p.m. Bar Harbor Town Council Chamber

Attendance: Micala Delepierre, Bob Garland, Jeff Miller, Ed Monet, Kaitlyn Mullen, Larry Nuesslein, Jaime Weir, Chris Wharff

Absent: Jerry Blanford, Jon Carter, Pancho Cole

*Harbor Committee Chair Jeff Miller announces the resignation of Lynn Williams from the Harbor Committee

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes: unanimous

ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: unanimous

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Harbor Operations Update from Chris Wharff

-Pilings are installed

-New hoist (500 lb) to be installed mid May 2023

-Mooring reorganization with GEI (better use of space, given larger average boat, etc.)

-Would a mooring reorganization work at the Bar Harbor Yacht Club? (Jeff)

-When will the Harbor Committee (HC) get an update on the Land Ordinance? (Micala)

-Land Ordinance update will be given at a later date (Jeff)

B. Ferry Terminal Planning Process

-Jeff reports on email from Travis Pryor of GEI. See below.

-A progress report is being provided by Chris Wharff to the Maine Coastal per their annual requirements. GEI is assisting with this report and will CC Jeff in the correspondence to Chris.

-Work completed to date has included the site visit/kickoff meeting in September and initiation of background data collection and stakeholder input.

-Next steps include summary report of stakeholder input and draft initial implementation concept plan for demolition of existing facilities and provision of a boat ramp at the property. GEI will provide these materials to the Committee for the February 13, 2023 meeting.

-GEI is intending to reach out to as many stakeholders as possible during January of 2023, including the Harbor Committee members.

-GEI notes the current news about the Town's new ordinance regarding capping daily cruise ship passengers at 1,000 which is being challenged in light of federal regulations. Does the Harbor Committee have guidance for GEI on how this ordinance should be considered with regards to the Master Plan?

- Has any of the present stakeholders heard from GEI? (Jeff)
- None of the present stakeholders have heard from GEI.
- Is there a concrete plan in place for the Ferry Terminal? (Ed Monet)
- No plan yet, only preliminary/concept (Jeff)
- Upper lot is important as well (Larry)
- Each member of HC should compile and send list of questions/comments to GEI (Jeff/Chris)

ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Any storm damage from the December 2022 gale? (Val)
- Minor side walk damage, nothing substantial (Chris)

- Any update on the breakwater work from the Army Corp of Engineers? (Val)
- No update, original timeline 5 to 10 years.

- Is there a plan for ship tendering? (Val)
- Ship tendering security has been discussed in the past (Larry)
- Can the space be shared with Bay Ferries (Jeff)
- Is the CAT coming back for the 2023 season? (Larry)
- All indications say yes for the upcoming 2023 season (Chris)
- Some members of the HC have heard some concern and question on their return

ITEM 7 CLOSING COMMENTS

None

ITEM 8 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Chris Wharff Waterfront Update
- GEI Ferry Terminal Update

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT 4:26 p.m.

Unanimous Approval

Respectfully submitted by Jaime W. Weir, Bar Harbor Harbor Committee member and secretary.